

REMARKS

The application has been amended to place it in *prima facie* condition for allowance. The application now includes claims 6, 8, and 9. Claims 6 and 8 have been amended to depend from claim 9, and claim 9 has been amended to address the issues raised by the Examiner. In the office action, it was noted that claim 9 was directed to allowable subject matter (see page 12). The indication that claim 9 is directed to allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation.

The Examiner's obvious care in his review of the claims is most appreciated, and claim 9 has been amended in direct response to his objections and suggestions. The Examiner required that "playbacked" (two occurrences) be changed to ~~played back~~ and that "playbacks" (three occurrences) be changed to ~~plays back~~. These corrections have been made by this amendment. In view of these amendments to claim 9, it is believed that the Examiner's objections to the claims have been overcome, and withdrawal of the objections is therefore respectfully requested.

The Examiner rejected claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Examiner correctly noted that the decryption key is used only for decryption. Therefore, "a decryption key" has been changed to ~~an encryption key~~ (see line 51 of the currently amended claim) and the "authorization data" has been amended to include "a decryption key" (see line 59 of the currently amended claim) so as to provide proper antecedent basis for "the decryption key included in the authorization data" (see lines 68 and 69 of the currently amended claim). As amended, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

All other objections and rejections are made moot by this amendment.

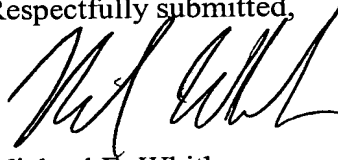
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered, that claims 6, 8 and 9 be allowed, and that the application be passed to issue.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local

telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

A provisional petition is hereby made for any extension of time necessary for the continued pendency during the life of this application. Please charge any fees for such provisional petition and any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael E. Whitham', written over a horizontal line.

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